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- Three regiments, equipped with MIK-15 Jet aircraft, as well as their three service battalions, are stationed in Oranienburg. One regiment has the numeral 11 and its service battalion has the numeral 450.
- Three AAA divisions, each being of battalion strength, are to be set up durin the course of January and February 1950. One of these has been assigned to a division in Wittstock and is to be stationed in Brandenburg. This division operates with a radio locator installation which is not an acoustic device but rather a radio direction finder which is equipped with a screen. Of the three divisions to be formed, the first two have been assigned the numerals 355 and 356.
- 3. A Ground Attack (GA) Corps consists of two Divisions, each having three Regiments. Each Regiment has four squadrons with 12 aircraft per squadron. One GA Corps therefore comprises a total of 298 aircraft.
- The sixth division of the 75 GA Corps is stationed at present in Jüterbog, Altes Lager. The airfield complement consists of the following: Division Headquarters, two regiments and two battalions. Former repair base personnel and PARM (personnel for aircraft repair maintenance ?) who belonged to an Air Army unit which had its headquarters in Werder were also stationed at Altes Lager. The latter do repair work on all types of aircraft stationed in Germany. Additional PARM were transferred from Grossenhain to Jüterbog, Altes Lager in order to work on aircraft of the 200 GA Division. Former Altes Lager personne were transferred to Grossenhain and to Klotzsche near Dresden. Engines are sent by truck or by train to Altes Lager in order to be repaired there. There are no landing strips on the airfield.
- The 886 GA Regiment is stationed in Schönwalde and has the AFO 35423. It comes directly under the corrand of Army Headquarters in Verder. The regiment has two squadrons, each consisting of eleven TU-6. The TU-6 is a twin-engine reconnaissance plane having a crew consisting of a pilot, a radioman and a combined mechanic and photo-technician. The plane is equipped with a pressurized cabin and can attain a speed of 680-700 k.p.h. It can reach a height of 11,000 meters and cruise for seven hours. Repairs on these planes are carried out in Schönwalde only.

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- 6. Finsterwalde airfield is reported to have been converted for the exclusive use of jet aircraft."
- 7. From July to September 1949, jet aircraft were stationed in Falkenberg.
- 8. In November 1949, one fighter regiment was stationed in Stendal. Subsequently, jet aircraft were observed at this field.**
- 9. The presence of fighters in Altenburg*** and of an air unit in Perleberg**** was confirmed.
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Comments:

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- * On 14 December 1949, this airfield was unoccurried.
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- ** Up to 23 October 1949, no air unit was stationed on this field.
- Up to 8 November 1949, this airfield was occupied by an air transport unit consisting of about forty LI-2 transports.
- ***** On 22 December 1949, there were no indications of an intended occupation of the field by an air unit.

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